

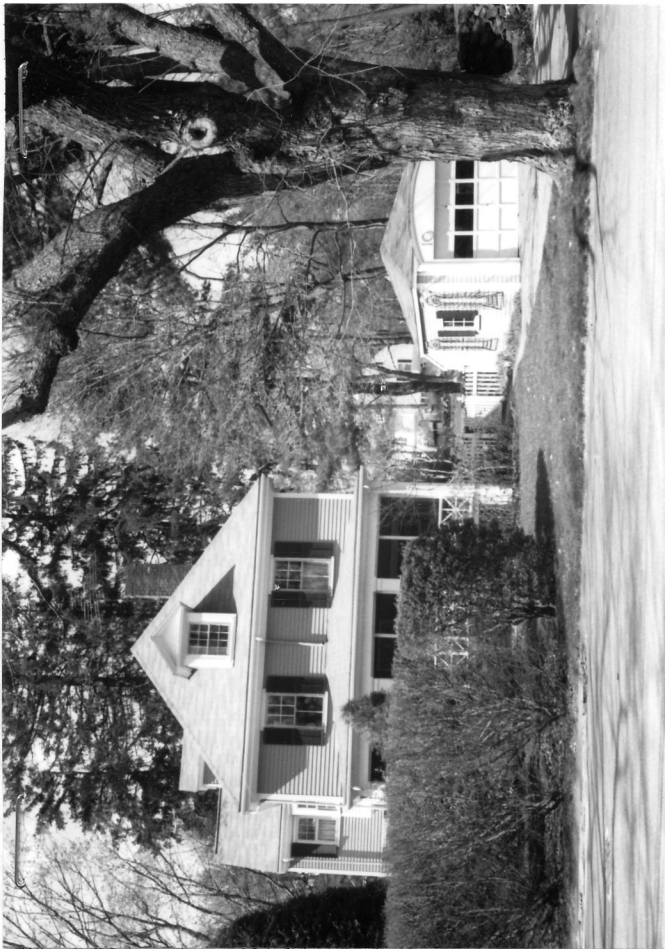
FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number
63/59

USGS Quad
Boston N.

Area(s)

Form Number
1063,1064



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 10 Hayes Avenue

Historic Name Bowen & Octavia Tufts House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1908

Source Minute-man, March 7, 1908

Style/Form Col. Revival

Architect/Builder M.E. Mirick, builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation fieldstone

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage

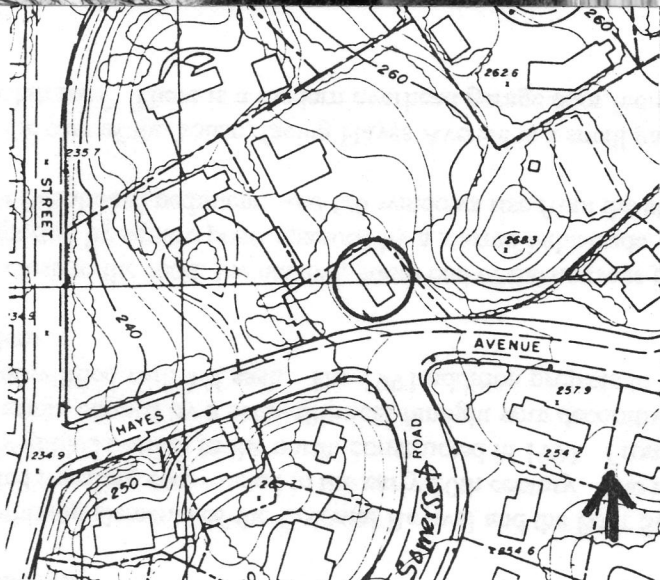
Major Alterations (with dates) 1990 - addition

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 10,000 SF

Setting early 20th century residential neighborhood



Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) July 2000

BUILDING FORM (10 Hayes Avenue)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Combining elements of the Colonial Revival and the Four Square styles, 10 Hayes Avenue (MHC #1063) is a two-story, hip-roofed dwelling constructed in the early 20th century. The intent of the original plan is muddled by the construction of a two-story gabled section to the north, constructed in 1991. Fronted by a wooden deck, the main entrance is centered on the west elevation, capped by a semi-elliptical fanlight with decorative sidelights. Suspended over the entrance is a three-sided oriel window filled with 4/4 sash. The 1991 addition projects to the north of the entrance, disturbing the original fenestration pattern.

Set close to the road, the narrow, south end of the house is just two-bays wide and is fronted by a single-story porch supported by square posts spanned by a starred balustrade. Windows on the building include 8/2 and 6/2 sash. Dormers with flushboard pediments and 6/6 windows rise from the steeply pitched hip roof.

To the east of the house, facing Hayes Avenue is a small garage (MHC #1064) sheathed in novelty siding and capped by a low hip roof. There is a modern overhead garage door facing the road, set in an arched projection.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house occupies Lot 59 of the Oakmount Park subdivision, which was laid out in 1903. According to a brief mention appearing in the *Minute-man* on March 7, 1908, the house was built by M.E. Mirick and was sold in 1908 to Octavia Williams Tufts. Bowen Tufts had married Octavia Williams a few months earlier, on September 28, 1907. Mr. Tufts was employed as a broker in Boston.

In 1918 the property (then 6 Hayes Ave.) was owned by Alexander Wadsworth. The 10,000 square foot lot then included a house valued at \$5500 and a garage valued at \$250. From about 1925 until about 1960 the property was apparently owned by Lester Redman who in later years occupied the house with Stephen and Sally Roblin. (Redman was married to the sister of architect William R. Greeley). Sally Roblin Kraetzer sold the property in 1965.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.
Minute-man, March 7, 1908.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Massachusetts Historical Commission
Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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